

shall determine whether or not it wishes to have a school site reserved in the subdivision. If the board of education does not wish to have a school site reserved in the subdivision, it shall so notify the council or planning agency, and in that event no school site shall be reserved therein. If the board of education does wish to have a school site reserved in the subdivision, the subdivision as finally approved shall reserve a school site of a size and location agreeable to the board of education and to the council or planning agency. The board of education shall then have eighteen months beginning on the date of final approval of the subdivision within which to acquire the site. If the board of education has not purchased or begun proceedings to acquire the site within eighteen months after the subdivision is finally approved, the subdivider may proceed to dispose of it in accordance with other provisions of the ordinance.

The ordinance may require that a plat be prepared, approved, and recorded pursuant to its provisions whenever any subdivision of land takes place.

"§ 160A-373. *Ordinance to contain procedure for plat approval; approval prerequisite to plat recordation; statement by owner.*—Any subdivision ordinance adopted pursuant to this Article shall contain provisions setting forth the procedures to be followed in granting or denying approval of a subdivision plat prior to its registration.

The ordinance may provide that final approval of each individual subdivision plat is to be given by

- (1) the city council,
- (2) the city council on recommendation of a planning agency, or
- (3) a designated planning agency.

From and after the time that a subdivision ordinance is filed with the register of deeds of the county, no subdivision plat of land within the city's jurisdiction shall be filed or recorded until it shall have been submitted to and approved by the appropriate agency, as specified in the subdivision ordinance, and until this approval shall have been entered on the face of the plat in writing by the chairman or head of the agency. The register of deeds shall not file or record a plat of a subdivision of land located within the territorial jurisdiction of a city that has not been approved in accordance with these provisions, nor shall the clerk of superior court order or direct the recording of a plat if the recording would be in conflict with this section. The owner of land shown on a subdivision plat submitted for recording, or his authorized agent, shall sign a statement on the plat stating whether or not any land shown thereon is within the subdivision-regulation jurisdiction of any city.

"§ 160A-374. *Effect of plat approval on dedications.*—The approval of a plat shall not be deemed to constitute or effect the acceptance by the city or public of the dedication of any street or other ground, public utility line, or other public facility shown on the plat. However, any city council may by resolution accept any dedication made to the public of lands or facilities for streets, parks, public utility lines, or other public purposes, when the lands or facilities are located within its subdivision-regulation jurisdiction. Acceptance of dedication of lands or facilities located within the subdivision-regulation jurisdiction but outside the corporate limits of a city shall not place on the city any duty to open, operate, repair, or maintain any street, utility line, or other land or facility, and a city shall in no event be held to answer in any civil action or proceeding for failure to open, repair, or maintain any street located outside its corporate limits.